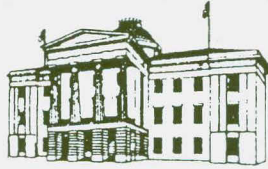


# State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE  
GOVERNOR

## BEEF MONTH

2012

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the 2011 North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Book, published by the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, there are currently over 780,000 cattle in North Carolina, providing a variety of food, leather and other products to the citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2011 North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Book, published by the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, North Carolina farmers raise beef cattle in all 100 counties; and

WHEREAS, because of cooperation between beef producers and the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association, NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, North Carolina State University, North Carolina A&T University and allied industries, thousands of farms are flourishing across the state; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2011 North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Book, published by the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, beef and beef products are naturally nutrient rich, providing Americans with a high quality source of protein, iron, zinc and B vitamins, leading nine out of ten households to serve beef at least once every two weeks; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2011 North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Book, published by the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, more than 18,000 North Carolina operations generate more than \$255 million in cash receipts each year, making the beef industry yet another part of the total diversification of agriculture in this state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2012, as "BEEF MONTH" in North Carolina and commend this observance to all our citizens.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this thirtieth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.